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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Virgin International - Abbott #5, S/053/044, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

The BLM has forwarded a copy of your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for Virgin International Minerals, Inc.'s, Virgin International - Abbott #5 Project, located in Sections 13 and 14, T41S, R12W, SLBM, Washington County, Utah..

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice of Intent for completeness. The Notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975.

For your future reference, we have enclosed a copy of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Rules and a Small Mining Operations permit application. Please look over the variance provisions carefully (Rule R647-3-110), as they may be applicable to your present proposal. If any of these operational and reclamation performance standards cannot be achieved, please notify us as soon as possible so that we may resolve the concerns.

Also enclosed is a copy of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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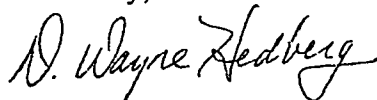
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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation. Please reference our designated file number S/053/044 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,



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